

portion has a circular cross-section having a radius  $r_2$ , the two radii being radially offset by a distance  $R$ ; wherein  $R = r_1 - r_2$ .

10. (Amended) The non-return device according to Claim 7, wherein the sleeve is provided at an axial inlet end of the body portion and surrounded by a nut, which can be screwed on to a component to which the device is to be fitted, thereby drawing the body portion axially towards the component.

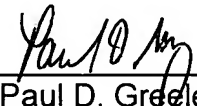
### REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 4 and 10 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

An early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (Amended) [A] The non-return device according to Claim 1 [or 2], wherein the body portion and the outlet portion are joined by an intermediate portion which is tapered.
6. (Amended) [A] The non-return device according to Claim 1 [any preceding claim], wherein the body portion has a circular cross-section having a radius  $r_1$  and the outlet portion has a circular cross-section having a radius  $r_2$ , the two radii being radially offset by a distance  $R$ ; wherein  $R = r_1 - r_2$ .
10. (Amended) [A] The non-return device according to Claim 7, [8 or 9,] wherein the sleeve is provided at an axial inlet end of the body portion and surrounded by a nut, which can be screwed on to a component to which the device is to be fitted, thereby drawing the body portion axially towards the component.